STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 323

SENATE BILL NO. 443

By Overbey, Finney

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1843

By Harmon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 68, relative to health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

- 68-11-__. With regard to a health care facility that has been the subject of a change of control as defined by regulation, the board in its discretion may delegate to the department the authority to issue a new license to the successor owner; provided, however, the delegation of such authority shall be limited to circumstances where:
 - (1) The successor owner meets the qualifications for license;
 - (2) The health care facility has no outstanding license or certification deficiencies; and
 - (3) The successor owner already owns or controls at least one (1) other health care facility in the state.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(a)(6), is amended by deleting the language ", exceeds one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000);" and by substituting instead the following:
 - , exceeds two million dollars (\$2,000,000);
 - SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 14, 2009

RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 29th day of May 2009

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR